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1. AFTER THOROUGH CONSIDERATION OF LEVEL AT WHICH OUR CONCERN OVER TERRORIST THREAT SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO GOT, I DECIDED THAT TYIS FIRST APPROACH SHOULD BE AMDE BY DCM BERGUS TO MFA DIRECTOR FOR GREEK-CYPRUS AFFAIRS, ECMEL BARUTUCU. BERGUS WOULD BEGIN HIS PRESENTATION BY SAYING HE WAS RAISING MATTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM AMBASSADOR MACOMBER.

2. BERGUS MET WITH BARUTCU AT NOON TODAY, APRIL 22. HIS PRESENTATION STRICTLY FOLLOWED THE GUIDELINES LAID DOWN IN REFTTEL.

3. BARUTUCU'S FIRST REACTION WAS TO CALL OUR REPORTS "GREEK PROPAGANDA". HE SAID THAT SINCE JULY 1974 THERE HAD BEEN NO TERRORISTS OPERATING FROM THE TURKISH SIDE OF THE ISLAND. HE NOTED PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES WHICH HAD ORIGINATED IN THE GREEK SECTOR INCLUDING THE MURDER OF AN AMERICAN AMABASSADOR. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT OUR INFORMATION WAS NOT CORRECT BUT THAT HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY REFER IT TO BOTH THE APPROPRIATE GOT AUTHORITIES AND TO THE TURKISH CONFEDERATED STATE AUTHORITIES FOR INVESTIGATION, AND

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WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. BARUTCU WENT ON TO REPORT THAT ALL TERRORIST ACTIVITY ON THE ISLAND ORIGINATED FROM THE GREEK SIDE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE US REACTION TO THE MURDER OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES, HE SAID, HAD NOT BEEN STRONG ENOUGH TO DETER GREEK-CYPRIOTS FROM FURTHER TERRORIST ACTS.

5. HE THEN WENT ON TO NOTE PRESS REPORTS IN BOTH THE GREEK-CYPRIOT AND TURKISH PRESS TO THE EFFECT THAT A DR. ARIS DIMITRIADIS WAS TRAINING COMMANDO UNITS IN THE UNITED STATES TO FIGHT AGAINST THE TURKS IN CYPRUS (SEE SEPTTEL. BARUTCU ASKED THAT THE USG INVESTIGATE THESE STATEMENTS AND PROVIDE INFORMATION AND COMMENT TO THE GOT. BERGUS SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO TRANSMIT BARUTCU'S REQUEST TO WASHINGTON. MACOMBER

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